Land erosion due to Ganga in Buxer and Bhojpur, Bihar

2126. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central team of Ganga Flood Control Commission has recently visited the erosion sites in Buxer and Bhojpur Districts of Bihar for examining problems due to erosion caused by river Ganga;

(b) whether remedial measures have been recommended by the Central team;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government is going to requisite shcemes for saving the land from erosion caused by the river Ganga in Buxer and Bhojpur districts of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: (a) Yes, Sir. A Central team lead by the Chairman, Ganga Flood Control Commission has visited the erosion affected areas in Buxar and Bhojpur districts of Bihar in January, 2000 for assessing the critical erosion problem caused by river Ganga.

(b) to (d) The Central team visited erosion affected sites at Arjunpur and Umarpur areas in Buxar district and erosion affected site at Neknam Tola in Bhojpur district and suggested remedial measures to combat the erosion problems. The Government of Bihar has formulated suitable anti erosion schemes costing Rs. 145 lakh for Arjunpur, Rs. 87 lakh for Umarpur and Rs. 947 lakh for Neknam Tola areas.

Flood proofing programme in north Bihar

2127. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Schemes under flood proofing programme in north Bihar have been approved by Government;

(b) if so, the number of total schemes improved and schemes taken up by the Bihar Government for execution so far; and

(c) the programme of implementation of ongoing schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A total number